

**Robinson Township Minutes  
Of the  
Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Trustees  
Held 11/11/2015 at 7:35 P.M.**

**Present:**

Tracy Stille-Mulligan  
Jackie Frye  
Bonnie Hayward  
Bernice Berens  
Travis Vugteveen

**Absent:**

None

**Also Present:**

Ron Bultje (Attorney)  
See sign in sheet.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Stille- Mulligan, followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Vugteveen made a motion to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes with one change. Berens seconded the motion and it was approved.

Greg DeJong gave his monthly report on Ottawa County. He thanked everyone who participated in the M-231 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He reported on the Ottawa County ceremony for employees of Ottawa County that have reached a milestone in their employment, which included Judge Post who has served for 40 years. He explained a millage request that will be on the March ballot. This is to benefit Mental Health and compensate for the cuts to that program.

Berens made a motion to approve a Class A Earth Change for Mark Westerbeke with the 3 conditions as stated by the Planning Commission. Hayward supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion carried.

Berens made a motion to approve paying the balance due of \$250,756.21 for the Winans Street Project. To be paid by 03/31/16. Vugteveen supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion was approved.

Vugteveen made a motion to approve the hiring of Jay Tree Service to remove 2 dead trees, clean up brush and haul away wood from the cemetery for a cost of \$1,200.00. Hayward supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berens, Hayward, Vugteveen, and Mulligan. Nays: Frye. The motion carried.

Frye made a motion to hire Terry's Tree Service to remove 17 trees from around the Township, and clean up the brush, haul the wood, grind all trees marked, at a cost of \$ 7,000.00. Berens supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion carried.

Hayward made a motion to allow the Planning Commission to have representatives from LSL at their Public Hearing on 11/24/15, not to exceed a cost of \$500.00. Vugteveen seconded the motion and it was approved by roll call vote with all members voting aye.

Hayward made a motion to renew at the same cost the Pitney Bowes postal machine contract. Frye seconded the motion and it was approved.

Brad Boyer of AECOM presented plans for the Township remodel project and discussions were held. He explained what the next steps would be and discussed some changes that were put forward by the Board.

Lakeshore Cougars Football submitted a request to use our park football field for their home field. They would like to start practicing now. They would be responsible for field striping. Hayward made a motion that the board put together a contract starting 04/01/2016 with fees of a \$100.00 deposit and payment of \$10.00 per player. Berens seconded the motion and it was approved. There is a possibility that a JV team would be interested in the field also.

Vugteveen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held 09/23/2015. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

After some discussion concerning billboards the Board directed Vugteveen to bring it up for research and discussion at the Planning Commission.

Vugteveen made a motion to approve a contract, Resolution # 2015-11-14 with Consumers Energy, to place a street light at M-231 and Lincoln. Hayward supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion carried.

Mike Fraser requested that he be allowed to place 2 pieces of the train being built for the park at the Home and Garden Show in March, along with a sign stating it will be placed in Robinson Township Park. After that the train will be placed in storage until it is time to place it in the Park. All members agreed that that would be ok.

Discussions were held on the 10 signs to be placed in the cemetery, possible reinstatement of Workshop Meetings, Harbor Transit, the Christmas Party, fire trucks used for the M-231 opening and if the people riding in them were covered by our insurance, and having our maintenance employee do a final clean up after trees are removed.

Permission was given to Supervisor Mulligan to release GIS information to Pam Blough.

Chris Saddler gave an update on the Ambulance Committee meetings she has attended. Many issues are being reviewed and improvements being made with more to come. Fire Chief Paul VanVelzen along with the other Fire Chiefs will meet with the CEO of NOCH at the end of the month and will review progress at the end of the year.

Vugteveen made a motion to pay the bills. Berens supported the motion and it carried. The reports and letters are on file.

Vugteveen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was supported by Berens and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Jackie S. Frye**  
**Robinson Township Clerk**